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Drug Enforcement Administration
FOI/Records Management Section
8701 Morrisette Drive
Springfield, Virginia 22152

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Case Number: 12-00447-F

Subject: REQUESTING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO DEA GUIDANCE TO BANKS
REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSERIES

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Dear Mr. Morisy:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Act (FOI/PA) request dated July 29, 2012, addressed to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit (SARF), seeking access to information regarding the above subject.

We are in receipt of your recent inquiry dated April 4, 2013, regarding the status of your pending Freedom of Information/Privacy Act request.

Due to the large number of requests received by DEA for disclosure of records pursuant to the Acts, and due to the limited resources available to process such requests, DEA has adopted a "first-in, first-out" practice of processing all incoming requests. This policy complies with the decision in Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605, (D.C. Cir. 1976), citing 5 U.S.C. 552 (a)(6)(C) and is applied consistently by DEA.

Your request has been placed in chronological order based on the date of receipt and it will be handled as expeditiously as possible. Your patience in this matter is appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact FOI Specialist J. Kewley on 202-307-7728.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Katherine L. Myrick".

Katherine L. Myrick, Chief
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